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In re Application of: Anastasios Palidis

Group Art Unit: 3635

Serial No.: 10/822,353

Examiner: LAUX, Jessica L.

Confirmation No.: 3079

Atty. Dkt. No.: 12038.0006.NPUS01

Filed: April 12, 2004

For: STRUCTURAL CONNECTOR FOR A  
DRILLING RIG SUBSTRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Office of Petitions

Commissioner for Patents

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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/822,353, filed on April 12, 2004, entitled "Structural Connector for a Drilling Rig Substructure", the named Applicant being Anastasios Palidis.

Required Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (at least one MUST be checked)

- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Consider the enclosed amendment/reply
- ☐ Consider the enclosed affidavit(s)/declaration(s)
- ☒ Consider the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and accompanying Form 1449.

☐ Consider the enclosed items: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fees and Payment**

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00.  
(The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
- ☐ Extension of time fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed
- ☒ The undersigned authorizes the Director to charge the amount of \$790.00 for the above fees to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/12038.0006.NPUS01.

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**Other papers**

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Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)

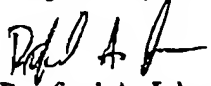
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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/12038.0006.NPUS01.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Assignee respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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